GOLDEN TOUCH OF HOSPITALITY

BY JANE ASHLEY

Royal Torte Crowns the Feast

Tortes are Europe's great contribution to the world of desserts. Mocha Torte is elegant enough to climax a feast.

Mocha Torte

Cake:
3 eggs
½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
½ cup sifted flour
6 tablespoons corn starch

Filling:
⅔ cup margarine
1 cup unsifted confectioners sugar
4 egg yolks
1 cup Bosco
2 tablespoons instant coffee powder

Brewed coffee
Heavy cream

For cake: Grease 2 (9-inch) layer cake pans. Beat eggs until fluffy. Gradually add sugar and salt, beating until mixture doubles in volume and mounds slightly when dropped from spoon. Sift flour and corn starch over egg mixture; fold in. Pour into pans. Bake in a 350° F. (moderate) oven 20 minutes or until top springs back when lightly touched. Cool slightly. Remove from pan and cool completely. To make filling: With a spoon, blend margarine, confectioners sugar, egg yolks, chocolate, flavored syrup and coffee powder. Mix well. To assemble torte: Split cake layers. Place cake layer on plate. Sprinkle with brewed coffee. Top with ⅓ chocolate mixture. Repeat with two layers. Top with fourth layer. Cover with plastic film. Weight down with plate and refrigerate overnight. Whip cream. Sweeten if desired. Frost top and sides. Makes 12 to 15 servings.

News For Veterans

The Veterans Administration has a suggestion for 1.1 million veterans, widows and parents who received income questionnaires with their November 1st pension checks.

Complete and return the questionnaires promptly, the Roanoke VA Regional Office, advises, even though the deadline for returning them is not until January 15.

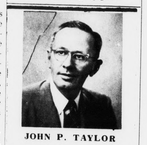
The VA explained the reason for this suggestion is that past experience shows many questionnaires are lost, misplaced, forgotten or otherwise delayed if they are not returned promptly.

When this happens, VA's determination of amounts due pensioners during the upcoming year is hampered, since the questionnaires provide information essential for this computation. If the questionnaires are returned late or not at all, some pensioners may receive later checks, smaller checks, or not checks at all, it was stressed.

The VA questionnaires were mailed to veterans and widows drawing pension under the "old" and "new" pension laws, as well as to parents receiving dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC). DIC payments are based on service-connected deaths of veterans on or after Jan. 1, 1957.

The annual questionnaires also went to veterans drawing disability compensation for service-connected injuries rated 50 percent or more disabling, who claim parents as dependents. In addition, parents who receive death compensation benefits as a result of service-connected deaths of veterans before Jan. 1, 1957 received questionnaires, VA pointed out.

CANING EVIL
Because candy canes have the legendary ability to ward off evil, they became part of Christmas, bringing good.



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RADIAL TIRE OWNERS WARNED AGAINST "MIXING" SNOW TIRES

Washington, D. C. - For many motorists, winter may be "just around the corner"; for others, it's already here. Whatever the situation, the Tire Industry Safety Council issues an important reminder: if you have radial tires on the front axle, be sure you have radial tires on the rear.

This means radial snow tires, if you are going to put on snow tires at all, it was explained.

Regular radials give considerable traction, but they do not meet the legal requirement for snow tires in many jurisdictions when "snow emergency" rules are in effect. In such areas, motorists who don't have snow tires, and block traffic, are given tickets.

"Winter weather calls for great preparation on the part of all motorists," says Ross R. Ormsby, Chairman of the Council. "It's mandatory that a car's tires receive as much attention as any other segment of the automobile."

Why is it unsafe to have radials on the front and another type tire on the rear? In a public advisory announcement, The U. S. Department of Transportation has explained it this way:

"In general, the hazard of mixing tire types relates to the erratic or dangerous vehicle performance which may result. Under various driving conditions requiring dependable vehicle control, especially in cornering, 'mixed-tire' performance has been compared to the effect of wearing a rubber soled shoe on one foot, a new leather sole on the other – or a pair of ice skates of which only one is newly sharpened."

A radial tire is built in such a way that when the front wheels are turned the tires immediately assume the new direction. If the snow tires on the rear are of a different type, the risk of slipping and causing a skid is more likely.

"Mixing" does not refer to the use of different brands, or different cord materials, nor to the number of sidewall plies (such as two, four or six ply) on the same vehicle.

The Council also recommends drivers give new snow tires a "breaking-in" period. Speed should be held to no more than 60 miles per hour for the first 50 miles of driving.

Greens Have Meaning

Greens that adorn home, streets and stores at holiday time entered the lore of Christmas from pagan rites of old.

The ancients believed that each green had its own significance, and an ability to do certain good – or evil – things.

Ivy, they thought, was festive. Its convivial nature came from Bacchus.

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Begins in Italy

Christmas belongs to the people. So thought St. Francis of Assisi.

His way of helping his Italian parishioners grow closer to Christmas was to create the very first *pracsepe*, or Christmas crib.

His carol, "The Song of the Creatures," made the Nativity still more real to them since it told of the lowly animals which were part of their lives and livelihood.

All this happened early in the 13th century. From that time, the idea of the creche or crib has spread to virtually every country on the globe. Today, especially in Latin America and Europe, the Christmas

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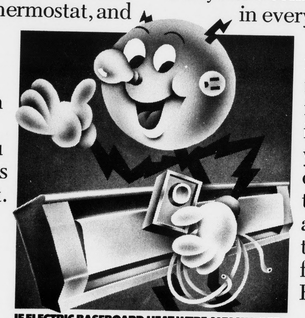

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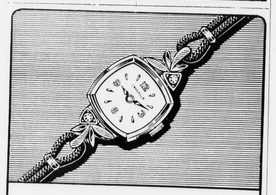

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...use electric lights on ...tree.

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...and trimmings that ...body or food. A ...eat them!

...lighting any fire, ...all decorations from ...place area. Be sure the ...open and a screen ...the fire at all times.

...flame proof materials ...decorations.

...all wrapping papers ...tree and fireplace ...soon as presents are ...Place them in a ...proved container.

...matches, lighters, and ...out of the reach of ...

...and smoking near ...decorations.

...an emergency plan to ...case of fire. Be sure all ...members know what to ...

...and wearing loose ...clothes near open ...such as fireplace, stove, ...

...for safety. Remember, ...is to substitute for ...worse. Look for and ...potential danger ...candles, fireplaces, ...and electrical connec-

...Merry Christmas and Happy ...year to you from the ...Extension Staff. We ...forward to working with ...in 1973.

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Clyde Nash	Jan. 6
Tom Maxwell	Jan. 8
Donald Ferguson	Jan. 11
Alma Almond	Jan. 17
Virginia Ryan	Jan. 19
Ethel St. John	Jan. 19
Pack III	Jan. 19
Ida Roach	Jan. 20
Rachel Lee	Jan. 20
Roberta Ferguson	Jan. 20
Irma Burrell	Jan. 21
G. C. Maxwell, Sr.	Jan. 25
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Mrs. G.C. Maxwell	Jan. 26
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USDA Announces Changes In Farm Facility Loan Program

The U. S. Department of Agriculture today announced major changes in its farm storage and drying equipment loan program which reflect a lessening of need for on-farm grain storage space.

The changes, effective December 18, are:

– Storage needs will be based on one year's production of eligible commodities instead of the present two years.

– Loans will no longer be available for oxygen-limiting and other silo-type structures or for equipment for use with such structures.

– Costs of materials and labor for concrete work or electrical wiring cannot be included in loans.

– The maximum loan or aggregate outstanding balance is reduced from $35,000 to $25,000.

– The interest rate is increased on loans from 46 cents (approximately 5⅞% annually) per $100 or fraction thereof to 50 cents (6% annually) per $100 or fraction thereof. This new rate reflects increased borrowing costs of money to Commodity Credit Corporation.

USDA said the need for farm storage space has eased due to the record pace of construction of on-farm facilities during the past several years and because of the recent rapid increase in wheat and feed grain exports.

The changes are designed to maintain program activity at a level which will more closely reflect the current storage situation rather than the situation that has prevailed over the past several years, the Department explained. The should result in a reduction of federal government expenditures in fiscal year 1974, USDA officials added.

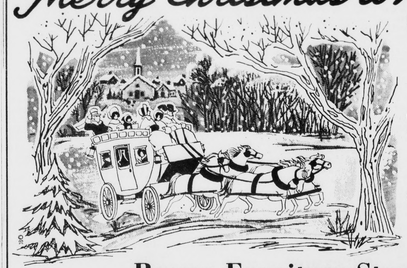
"The Department recognizes the value of having adequate on-farm storage and drying capacity," said Kenneth E. Frick, Administrator of U.S.D.A's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, which administers the program. "On-farm facilities are an important compliment to the concept of market-oriented commodity programs. However, the record pace of construction of on-farm facilities for the past several years plus the rapid increase in wheat and feed grain exports warrant some adjustment in program activity."

"The farm facility loan program has assisted many farmers in obtaining on-farm storage and drying facilities," Mr. Frick said. "Since the beginning of the program through the end of fiscal year 1972, approximately $640.9 million have been loaned to farmers through 356,650 loans; these loans included farm storage structures with storage capacity of almost 1.8 billion bushels."

"Fifty-seven percent of the total funds loaned and more than 49 percent of the total storage capacity built under the program have occurred since 1967. During fiscal year 1972, producers borrowed a record $120.3 million through 38,950 loans for storage structures and drying facilities with a storage capacity of approximately 251.2 million bushels."

"Activity during the current fiscal year is expected to exceed the record 1972 level."

Merry Christmas to All!



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Merry Christmas

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